

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 have been pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 6, 25 and 26 have been rejected. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, to further the prosecution of this application, Claims 1, 25 and 26 are canceled by this action. The Applicant reserves the right to further prosecute these claims in continuation applications.

The Applicant notes, with appreciation, the allowance of Claims 23 and 24, and the indication that Claims 2-5 and 7-22 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. These claims have now been rewritten to be independent of any of the rejected base claims. In addition, Claim 6 has been rewritten to be dependent on now independent Claim 3. All claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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